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President Starting to Choose New Cabinet and Staff Aides

EXCERPT:

Vance, Brown And Brzezinski All to Stay

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President Carter is expected to decide within the next few days which of the resignations to accept from his Cabinet and senior staff.

Carter's entire Cabinet yesterday offered him their resignations in a gesture intended to give Carter a free hand to reorganize the top level of government. Within a few hours the president's 18 senior White House staff assistants also offered to resign.

White House press secretary Jody Powell, after announcing that the resignations had been offered, said Carter will carefully and expeditiously review the performance record of each of his 33 key lieutenants and decide which resignations to accept.

The highest administration sources later went out of their way to pass the word that Carter's national security team — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Defense Secretary Harold Brown and National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski — will remain intact. CIA Director Stansfield Turner was not part of the mass resignation offer.